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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Civil Service and Registration
Board of Registration in Medicine
State Office Building, Government Center
100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-1963
(In Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 112, Section 4)

FUNCTION OR PURPOSE.

In general, the function of the Board of Registration in Medicine, though not delineated by statute, is to assure the citizens of the Commonwealth the availability of the maximal number of professional medical personnel, exercising due care to protect these same citizens from the ministrations of inadequately and improperly trained or otherwise unfit medical professional personnel. The standards of training in terms of type and duration are determined by statute as are the areas in which the Board may consider the fitness of an individual to continue to practice medicine. Competence is determined on the basis of examinations in Massachusetts or some other state or by some nationally recognized examining agency. Measurement or determination of continuing professional competence after registration is not presently a function of the Board.

MEMBERSHIP (General Laws, Chapter 13, Section 10.)

"Seven persons, residents of the Commonwealth, registered as qualified physicians under Section 2 of Chapter 112, or corresponding provisions of earlier laws, who shall have been for ten years actively engaged in the practice of their profession. One member shall annually in June be appointed by the Governor for seven years from July first following." The membership of the Board for the period of this report follows:

Anthony O. Cardullo, M.D.
Christopher C. Conway, M.D.
Roger T. Doyle, M.D., Chairman
Charles A. Robinson, M.D.
Solomon G. Hajjar, M.D.
David W. Wallwork, M.D., Secretary
Bancroft C. Wheeler, M.D.

MEETING OF THE BOARD (General Laws, Chapter 13, Section 11.)

The statute requires regular meetings on the second Tuesday of March, July, and November each year. In practice, the Board customarily meets once each month excepting August. There were eleven meetings in the period covered by this report. A quorum was present at each meeting.

ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD.

The activities of the Board can be divided roughly into the following categories:

I. Registration of qualified physicians.

A. By State Board Examination.

This is obligatory by statute for graduates of foreign medical schools. Some graduates of previously existing unapproved schools in Massachusetts, usually repeaters, still seek registration by means of those examinations. Few graduates of approved American or Canadian Schools seek registration in this manner. These examinations are conducted by the Board twice annually in January and July. The July 1962 examination was conducted by the Board and graded by the Board. For the January 1963 examination the Board adopted the policy of using examinations which were furnished by the National Board of Medical Examiners from its pool of questions used in Part I and Part II of the National Board Examinations. This examination was corrected and graded by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

B. By Endorsement.

1. By endorsement of Certificate granted by the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States or the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of the American Osteopathic Association.

2. By endorsement of registration granted in other states on the basis of written examinations considered comparable to those administered by the State Board of Registration in Massachusetts. The Board now considers on an individual basis each qualified applicant registered in any one of the fifty states. There are still eleven states that do not grant Massachusetts registrants the same privilege.

II. Limited Registration

Limited Registration, issued for purposes of training of recent graduates or re-training of older graduates, limits the individual's practice to the institution for which a limited registration is granted under the supervision of individuals registered as fully qualified physicians in the Commonwealth.

III. Discipline

1. Interview by the Secretary
2. Interview before the full Board
3. Formal Hearing

a. For censure, suspension, or revocation - with formal charges and appearance of the charged individual with or without counsel before the full Board, with a finding of guilty or not guilty.

b. For the presentation of a petition for restoration of registration.

IV. Complaints

All written, signed complaints on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board are considered by the full Board which initiates implementation of any measures necessary for the handling of all complaints. The Board has no assigned personnel for such investigations and refers any necessary investigations (e.g. those connected with practice without a license) to the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety or the Bureau of Narcotics.

V. Records

The Board maintains all necessary records pertaining to registration and all matters that come to the attention of the Board with reference to the practice of individual practitioners or matters which come within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Board maintains records of all physicians who have been registered, but, in the absence of annual or biennial registration, no list of currently practicing physicians can be maintained.

VI. Registration of Assistant in Medicine

Medical students acting as clinical clerks in hospitals must be registered with the Board.

VII. Legislation

The Board sometimes initiates, always reviews and sometimes makes recommendations in regard to proposed new legislation with reference to registration and the practice of medicine.

VIII. Examination and Registration of Physical Therapists

STATISTICAL SUMMARIES

TABLE I

Total Number of Examinees	91
Passed	39
Failed	52
Foreign Medical School Graduates	64
Passed	33
Failed	31
Graduates of Unapproved Schools	13
Passed	0
Failed	13
Repeaters taking Examination	42
Passed	12
Failed	30
Graduates of American or Canadian Medical Schools	14
Passed	6
Failed	8

TABLE II

Total Number of Physicians Registered	503
By Examination	39
By Endorsement of National Board Credentials	362
By Endorsement of another State License	102
Total Number of Limited Registrations granted	2244
Total Number of Limited Registrations as assistants in medicine granted	301

Total Number of Lapsed Physical Therapy Renewals Revived	1
Total Number of Physical Therapists Registered	66
By Examination	57
By Endorsement of another state license	9
Failures	7

TABLE III

Formal Hearings	9
Revocations	4
Suspensions	1
Suspended Suspensions	2
Suspended Suspensions with censure	2
Restorations	3

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD AND OCCURRENCES IN FISCAL YEAR 1962-1963

On September 20, 1962, the Board voted to use an examination elaborated by the National Board of Medical Examiners from the pool of questions used in Part I and Part II of the National Board Examination. These examinations to be conducted in the manner in which the National Board Examinations are conducted and to be corrected by the National Board of Medical Examiners. The first examination of this type was conducted in January of 1963.

After an interview with Dr. Harry C. Solomon, Commissioner of Mental Health, and at his urgent request, the Board on November 15, 1962 expressed to Dr. Solomon its willingness to grant extension of limited registration beyond the usual five years for those physicians working in state hospitals if these candidates furnished the Board evidence of sincere effort to improve their ability to pass future examinations.

Cuban refugee physicians who were unable to present the necessary credentials to complete an acceptable application for limited registration had posed a difficult problem for the Board. On February 14, 1963, the Board voted to accept for limited registration graduates of the University of Havana upon presentation of a Standard Certificate from the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates.

The Board sought and received on January 22, 1963 the advice from the Office of the Attorney General that entrapment was not a defense in a formal hearing before the Board, but could be taken into consideration in the mitigation of any penalty to be imposed.

The Board was involved in more than the usual number of disciplinary procedures in this fiscal year.

The Board considered a total of fourteen complaints during the fiscal year and the various actions thereupon included citation for Hearings, interview by the Board or by the Secretary, "no action", referral to the Committee on Ethics and Discipline of the Massachusetts Medical Society, or denial of jurisdiction.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This report called attention only to minor discrepancies such as tardiness of travel vouchers and an instance of delay in the transmission of funds to the State Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Wallwork

DAVID W. WALLWORK, M.D.
Secretary

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

State Office Building, June 28, 1968

TO: Mrs. Helen C. Sullivan, Director of Registration

MADAM: The Board of Registration in Medicine
respectfully submits its Annual Report for the Fiscal Year
ending June 30, 1963.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1963

EXPENDITURES

1404-01	Salaries of Members of the Board	.....	\$9,500.00
1404-01	Traveling Expenses (Accounts Payable)	.....	267.88
1404-01	Travel Expenses	.....	432.12
1403-02	Office Expenses	.....	4,518.57
	Office Expenses (Accounts Payable)	.....	596.09
	Personal Services	.....	14,651.02
			<u>\$29,965.68</u>

RECEIPTS

Receipts from National Board, Endorsement, Examination,
Re-examination, intern, student, certified statements,
physical therapy examination, re-examination, renewal
fees.

\$50,636.33

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